



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another." ~ Anonymous

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Holiday Wish List

It's a giving time of year and the City of Bloomington Volunteer Network would like to invite you to join with your family, friends and co-workers in gift-giving that will benefit the greater Bloomington area. Browse the wish lists of these organizations to discover exactly what is needed by our local social service, cultural, environmental and animal welfare organizations. Take the time to purchase a few items or organize a collection drive or house party for the organizations you care about! View all of the wishes in The Herald-Times this Friday, Nov. 28 or online year-round at www.BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org/CommunityWishList. For more information, please contact Bet Savich at 349-3472 or volunteer@bloomington.in.gov.

Middle Way House Training - Campus Location - Dec. 6

Both women and men are strongly encouraged to attend the next Middle Way House training, which will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 6 at IU's Woodburn Hall, Room 101 (1100 E. 7th St.) No registration is necessary. Training is a requirement to volunteer and is also appropriate for anyone interested in learning more about the dynamics of gender and domestic violence. There are volunteer opportunities in many different programs including: crisis line, child care, tutoring, legal advocacy, community reception, and youth mentoring. Minimum age is 18; 16 if with an adult. Please contact Debra Morrow at (812) 337-4510 or volunteer@middlewayhouse.org. (www.middlewayhouse.org)

VITAL Tutor Orientation - Dec. 11

Volunteers in Tutoring Adult Learners (VITAL) basic literacy tutors provide adults with instruction in basic to intermediate reading, writing, and math. Prospective tutors first attend a mandatory orientation for new VITAL volunteers, which provides an overview of adult literacy issues and the expectations of volunteers, learners, and staff. The next orientation will be from 10-11:30 a.m. on Dec. 11. Registration is required. Volunteers are then provided with free training, are matched with adult learners, and can expect to spend 2-3 hours a week on tutoring and record keeping. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Bethany Terry at (812) 349-3173 or vital@mcpl.info. (www.mcpl.info)

A Day On, Not a Day Off! Cleaning the Craft Closets at Girls Inc. - Jan. 19

Girls Inc. provides exceptional after-school programming for girls. Crafts and other items are frequently donated to make these programs better, but they need to be sorted, organized and labeled, so they can be put to the best use possible. Volunteers will make this happen between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Jan. 19, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Lunch will be provided for volunteers. Minimum age is 18; 16 if with an adult. Please email info@girlsinc-monroe.org or call (812) 336-7313. (www.girlsinc-monroe.org)

Shalom Center Hospitality

Hospitality volunteers help with the everyday operations of the Shalom Community Center, distributing guests' mail and messages, answering the phone, and assisting with long-term and day storage. Volunteers also register guests to do laundry, take a shower, see a caseworker and meet with service agency representatives. Find out more here: <http://bit.ly/ShalomCenterVolunteering>. Minimum age is 18. Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@shalomcommunitycenter.org or (812) 334-5734 ext. 23. (www.shalomcommunitycenter.org)

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

Community Wish List Spotlight

Bloomington Animal Shelter

Addresses and responds to all companion animal needs in the community through education, enforcement and support to build a community where people value animals and treat them with kindness and respect. To grant a wish, contact Laurie Ringquist at (812) 349-3870 or ringquist@bloomington.in.gov. (3410 S. Walnut St.; www.bloomington.in.gov/animalshelter)

Wishes: The annual pet supply drive is from Thanksgiving to New Years! Items needed are: large raw hides, Beggin' Strips, soft dog/cat/rabbit toys & treats, canned dog/cat food, stainless steel dog/cat bowls, Kong dog toys, British slip leads, Karunda beds, cardboard cat scratchers, cat beds & litter pans, squeeze cheese, blankets, sheets, towels, bleach, paper towels, tennis balls

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.